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AMEMBASSY LONDON

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SUBJ: SHIPMENTS OF HHE AND SURFACE POUCHES TO BLANTYRE

DEPT PASS A/OPR/ST/TO, A/OCP DG/PER

1. MANICA HAS INFORMED US THAT PELICAN SERVICE FROM AMSTERDAM TO BLANTYRE TERMINATED NOV 1, BUT ALL GOODS RECEIVED PRIOR THAT DATE WILL CONTINUE TO BE SHIPPED.

2. PELICAN SERVICE TO BLANTYRE NOW OPERATING AEI - AIR EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL, BUTLERS WAREHOUSE, ROCKWARE AVE, GREENFORD, MIDDLESEX.

3. FREIGHT CHARGES ARE CHANGED AS FOLLOWS: (MK 1.00 EQUALS USDOLS 1.20)

UP TO 2000 KILOS \$1.85 PER KILO
2001-5000 KILOS \$1.75 PER KILO
5001-7500 KILOS \$1.70 PER KILO
7501 AND OVER \$1.68 PER KILO
OR 427 CUBIC INCHES IS ONE KILO
MINIMUM SHIPMENT AT 100 KILOS

4. FOR LONDON: REQUEST YOU INFORM DEPT AND THIS POST OF BONA-FIDES AIR EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL AND WHETHER YOU WOULD ACCEPT AND TRANSMIT DOUBLE-TAGGED POUCHES AS HAS BEEN DONE
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FOR US BY EMB HAGUE.

5. FOR HAGUE: PLEASE ADVISE CURRENT STATUS SURFACE POUCHES FOR BLANTYRE AWAITING SHIPMENT AND NUMBER RECEIVED AFTER NOVEMBER 1.

6. FOR DEPT: ALTHOUGH PELICAN SERVICES SEEM CLOSELY RELATED TO FLOATING DICE GAME, CONGESTION ALONG ENTIRE EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHIPPING SCHEDULES, DIFFICULTIES IN MOZAMBIQUE, AND WAITS IN EXCESS OF ONE MONTH TO OBTAIN RAIL SERVICE FROM BEIRA OR NACALA TO BLANTYRE AFTER FREIGHT UNLOADED STRONGLY URGE WE ATTEMPT TO CONTINUE USING THIS SERVICE FOR THOSE TRANSFERRING FROM DEPT TO BLANTYRE, OTHERWISE, HHE AND SURFACE POUCHES REALISTICALLY COULD TAKE FIVE TO SIX MONTHS TO ARRIVE. ALSO URGE THAT OC SWITCH DOUBLE - TAGGING SURFACE POUCHES FROM HAGUE TO LONDON IF LONDON AGREEABLE AND THAT DG/PER CONTINUE TO ISSUE ORDERS PERMITTING AIR SHIPMENT HHE TO BLANTYRE IAW 6FAM 161.D.

7. FOR MCCABE, OPR/ST/TO- AMB STEVENSON'S AND ADMIN OFF NORTH'S HHE ARRIVED IN EXCELLENT CONDITION ON NOV 11 USING THIS SERVICE, ALTHOUGH BACKLOG OF AIR FREIGHT IN AMSTERDAM (WHICH PROBABLY RESULTED IN SWITCH TO UK) CAUSED TWO MONTH DELAY IN AMSTERDAM AND REQUIRED INTENSIVE PERSONAL EFFORTS OF CONGEN AMSTERDAM TO OBTAIN PRIORITY FOR AIR SHIPMENT. POST WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK CONGEN AMSTERDAM FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN OUR BEHALF. STEVENSON

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